

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Confirmation No.: 1846

O'MEARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2818

Appln. No.: 10/630,969

Examiner: BERRY, Renee R.

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Title: FORMATION OF ULTRA-THIN OXIDE LAYERS
BY SELF-LIMITING INTERFACIAL OXIDATION**RECEIVED**
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATIONCommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2004, the date for response to which has been extended to January 18, 2005, by the enclosed Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, requisite fee, and intervening weekend, please consider the remarks that follow: